

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (New) A beverage brewing device for brewing hot beverages such as coffee, tea, roasted-barley coffee, camomile tea and similar infusions, the brewing device comprising:

a brewing chamber having an upper opening and a lower open end;

a removable filter closing the lower open end;

a mixing hopper arranged above said brewing chamber to feed substances needed to prepare an infusion to said brewing chamber through the opening;

air compression means for supplying said brewing chamber with compressed air, said air compression means including a fixed delivery conduit extending inside said brewing chamber and debouching below the opening; and

a valve member arranged inside said brewing chamber between the delivery conduit and the opening and movable upwards, under the action of compressed air supplied by the delivery conduit, along said brewing chamber and toward a closed position in which said valve member closes the opening in a fluid tight manner.

Claim 12 (New) A device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said valve member is movable along said brewing chamber between the closed position and a lower open position, in which said valve member rests on the delivery conduit and is supported thereby.

Claim 13 (New) A device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said valve member has an umbrella-shaped surface facing the opening so as to be able to diffuse a liquid entering said brewing chamber through the opening against a lateral surface of said brewing chamber, thereby enabling the lateral surface to be flushed clean.

Claim 14 (New) A device as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising a sealing means provided on said valve member at the umbrella-shaped surface to ensure fluid tight closure of the opening

when said valve member is in the closed position.

Claim 15 (New) A device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said brewing chamber extends along a vertical axis, the opening and said valve member are co-axial with the vertical axis, and said valve member is movable along the vertical axis.

Claim 16 (New) A device as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising a venting conduit arranged above the opening and communicating with the opening in parallel with said mixing hopper.

Claim 17 (New) A device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said air compression means is a reversible compression means.